

# Gimme Shelter

## News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

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## Free Microchip Clinic



Animal Care & Control is hosting a free pet microchip clinic at the **Animal Shelter on Saturday, September 22, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

The microchip clinic is free and open to any Loudoun County resident or Loudoun County Government employee.

Advance registration is not required. Microchipping will be done on a first come, first served basis.

Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers.

Please bring proof of current rabies vaccination for all pets 4 months of age or older.

Microchipping is a safe, permanent way of identifying your pet should they ever be found by Animal Control or a veterinary office. The microchip itself is about the size of a grain of rice. It is implanted under the skin in the area around the shoulders through a needle. The procedure is no more invasive than a vaccination shot, and requires no anesthesia or recovery time. Once it is implanted, the number on the chip can be read by a scanner (similar to a barcode scanner). The number can then be traced back to the owner so that they can be reunited with their pet.

Make sure that your pets can safely find their way home - have them microchipped!

For more information on the free pet microchip clinic, call the Animal Shelter at 703-777-0406 or visit our website: [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

Watch us on FOX 5



Be sure to watch us on the FOX 5 news at 11:00 AM on **Friday, September 21.**

We'll be showing off some of our wonderful animals for adoption, as well as giving tips on disaster preparedness for pets.

September is National Preparedness month, and we encourage all pet owners to be ready in case of emergency. Need help? Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and search "pets" for your free pet preparedness kit!

## Grant for Canine Enrichment

Animal Care & Control is pleased to announce that it has been selected to receive a Pedigree® Adoption Drive™ Grant from the American Humane Association. The \$3,200 grant will be used for agility equipment and other supplies to enrich the lives of dogs at the Shelter, as part of the Department's Canine Companion Readiness Program.

The Canine Companion Readiness Program is dedicated to ensuring that dogs in the Animal Shelter remain "adoptable" for as long as possible through enrichment and positive reinforcement behavior

training. When provided with physical and mental stimulation, dogs adapt better to shelter life, and retain their ability to be good family companions for longer periods of time.

"This grant will allow us to purchase agility equipment to help keep our dogs both mentally and physically engaged during their time at the Shelter," noted Director Tom Koenig. "This is one of the cornerstones of our enrichment program, which we believe improves the quality of life for our shelter dogs, and in turn encourages adoptions."



Loudoun Shelter dogs will soon be enjoying their own agility playground!

## Thanks Junior Volunteers

Another summer has come and gone, and this year we had an amazing group of Junior Volunteers donating their time to the Department—and having some fun too!

This year's program was different than in years past, as we had 3 groups of 14-15 year olds participating for two week sessions. The Junior Volunteers helped with all aspects of life at the Shelter, including cleaning, socializing animals, working on special events, helping with PR projects, and assisting with the Shelter's weekly TV show. They took field trips and went on ride alongs with Animal Control Officers too!

This year's **17 Junior Volunteers** donated a total of **672 hours** of service over six weeks' time. Thanks to all our Junior Volunteers for jobs well done—we hope to see you as regular volunteers soon!



## Employee of the Month

**Amy Seymour** is August's Employee of the Month! Amy has been with the Department since 2000, and originally worked in Customer Service and Dispatch. In 2006, she took on the Volunteer Coordinator position, overseeing a workforce of over 60 volunteers!

Amy is always willing to pitch in and lend a hand anytime she is needed. It's not unusual to see her helping out in the dispatch office or at the front counter. She always has a can-do attitude that really

rubbs off on her co-workers and volunteers!

Amy has had great success this summer managing the Junior Volunteer program (see above!). She redesigned the program to allow for more participants, and ensured that each Junior Volunteer had a rewarding, educational, and fun experience at the Shelter.

**Thanks Amy for all you do!**



**Congratulations Amy!**

## What We're Up To...

### Regular Hours Resume

The Animal Shelter will be **closed** on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, and will resume normal adoption hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
1:00pm—6:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday: 11:00am—5:00pm

Have a safe and happy holiday!

### See you at the EAC picnic!

Are you going to the EAC picnic on **Saturday, September 8**? If so, we'll see you there! We'll be on site to show off some of our wonderful dogs available for adoption, and to help our fellow County employees learn more about Animal Care & Control!

The picnic is on September 8 at Franklin Park Pool from 2-6pm.

It's going to be a great time—we hope to see you there!

